

"THE LEOPARD'S SPOT."

Thomas Dixon's Latest Play is a Great Drama.

While they might not like the negro problem plays which Thomas Dixon puts out, those who were at the Academy of Music Wednesday night were thrilled by the superb acting of Thomas Dixon, in the leading part, and his company of actors. There was not a poor actor in the cast and the company ably carried out the author's plan of sending home his idea of the "black peril" which menaces the country.

The audience was not a large one, it was fairly representative and it seemed pleased with the work of the actors. The cast was excellent, each actor being splendidly fitted for his part, except, perhaps, in the case of Thomas Dixon, who appeared too old for the daring revolutionist leader and ardent young lover, Bob St. Clare. However, Thomas Dixon has improved much as an actor since he was here two years ago as the leading man in the "Sins of the Father," which part he had taken up only two days before, owing to the death of the leading man. He showed marked ability Wednesday night to portray on the stage the man he has created in his novel. Dillon M. Deasy, as a negro leader, proved a first class actor, as did Richards Barrows, as Tom Camp, the feeble Confederate soldier. Carl Bates, as General Worth, the leader of the New South; Graham Earle, as Everett Lowell, the northern philanthropist working for the advancement of the negro race; Ezra Walck, as McLeod, a lily white, Dawson McCreary, sub-editor of Harris' paper. Alpheus Lincoln, as George Harris, the negro editor, was especial-

ly good at times, but his work bordered on melodrama in spots. Viola Fitzpatrick, as Marion Lenoir, the southern girl in the employ of a negro editor, was exceptionally good, being fully equal to her hard part. Edith Chase, as Helen Lowell, was good.

The play was well executed throughout, the only setback being an apparently poor arrangement of fixtures and settings for the scenes.

Between acts the Rev. Thomas Dixon, as customary, appeared before the curtain and in a short and extremely earnest talk endeavored to drive home to his audience the object which he is trying to attain through his books and plays—to awaken the South to the danger of the "black peril," a danger, as he pointed out, which lay in the spending of millions of dollars every year for the industrial and intellectual training of the negro and in the allowing of the intermarriage of the two races in New York, Pennsylvania and fourteen other States. He intimated that danger did not lie so much in the South, but that it would come down from the north by a gradual spread and in fifty years from now the negroes would be in control of the South, if the white man did not stop educating the negro and stop the intermarriage of the races.

GAME BY PARCEL POST.

Postmaster General Says There is No Law to Prevent It.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Evasion of the game laws through the agency of the parcel post now is possible, for Postmaster General Burleson today replied to interrogations of indignant officials of several States than Congress had placed no restrictions on the department as to accepting game. This condition, the State game wardens fear, will nullify in great measure the State laws framed for the protection of wild life.

Postmaster General Burleson pointed out that under the law the post-office department could not discriminate in the acceptance of packages that conformed with the department's regulations. Postmasters, therefore, were compelled, he said, to accept game for shipment when the regulations were observed.

"This does not, however," he added, "operate against the right of any State official to proceed under such State laws against parties violating them, except that the officers of the department in discharge of their official duties as required by the law and the regulations are not to be interfered with."

WANTED IN NORTH CAROLINA.

John Swing Returned to Alamance County to Serve out Term for Larceny.

Manning Times.

The Times readers will recall its report of the attempted robbery at the R. F. Epperson store at Pinewood, how it was frustrated by the timely shots from the gun of Mr. Clyde Geddings who was employed to watch the premises, the taking of the wounded man to the Sumter hospital, and bringing his alleged confederate here. Since then the wounded man whose name is John Swing has been brought to the Clarendon jail. Sheriff Gamble has been trying to locate these prisoners by writing around the country to ascertain if they are wanted elsewhere; to one of his inquiries he received a letter from Sheriff Cook of Alamance County, North Carolina, saying John Swing is an escaped convict from the gang of Alamance county, that he was convicted of larceny and sentenced to three years, but escaped after serving a short time, a reward of \$25 for his delivery and transportation expenses will be paid by him. Sheriff Gamble after consulting with Supervisor Davis, decided he would deputise Mr. Clyde Geddings to deliver him to the North Carolina sheriff and collect the reward and expense.

GUNS REPLACE POWDER PUFFS

In Handbags of Chicago's Ten Policewomen, It Is Learned.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—Revolvers take the place of powder puffs in the handbags carried by Chicago's ten policewomen. It has been generally supposed that the policewomen were unarmed until today when Officer Clara Olsen was discovered carefully oiling her firearms.

"I guess we might as well tell the truth," she said. "The revolvers from the powder puff that might be supposed to be in the bags which we carry in our left hands. It is a handy place for the weapons, and I believe we could get them out quickly, if necessary."

Marriage License Record.

Licenses to marry have been issued to Robert DuPre, Privateer, Hester Washington, Wedgefield; Fred Davis and Mary Lee of Sumter; William Pringle and Rena Harris of Horatio and Cain Thomas and Sallie Brown of Paxville.

NEW COTTON SCHEME.

Watson Arranging for Trial of Hall's Process for Opening Bolls.

Washington, Nov. 19.—This afternoon Commissioner Watson on his way from New York to Charleston, stopped here for a brief conference with John B. Hall of Philadelphia, President of the Hall Cotton Reclaiming company, which holds the patent right of Mr. Hall's invention for the artificial opening of immature and frost bitten cotton bolls.

It is claimed that the process opens the bolls as well as nature, without injury to fibre or tensile strength and that it will add some millions of dollars to the value of each season's planted acreage. Mr. Cave of Barnwell, a large cotton planter, who has been in Philadelphia with Mr. Hall brought here two boxes of the frost bitten bolls from his own place, and showed one box of them which he had opened himself with the process.

Mr. Hall is now ready to offer his process upon the market to cotton growers, but before doing so, wished to give a demonstration at the farm to leading cotton growers and others. He has requested Mr. Watson as president of the Southern Cotton congress to invite leading men from all over the South to some well located point in the next two weeks for this purpose. Mr. Watson says he will arrange for the demonstration on some cotton farm near Columbia immediately upon his return and will specially invite such men as Harvey Jordan, Gov. Colquitt, Gov. O'Neal, the commissioners of agriculture of the cotton States, and everybody else who would like to see the results.

72 Years in One Firm.

Alexandria, Va., Nov. 19.—In the employ of one firm continuously for 72 years, was the record of Joseph F. Johnston, who died here yesterday at the age of 83 years. Johnston went to work for a tannery establishment here when eleven years old. He remained with the concern and lived to see it pass under the control of several branches of the same family.

Civil Service Examination.

A civil service examination for railway mail clerk was held in the court house Wednesday by the local civil service board. There were sixteen to take the examination, others having been turned away for lack of room. Another examination was also held Thursday, there being a large number to stand the examination.

ACTION ON CURRENCY BILL.

Point of Dispute Removed and Administration Measure Will Now Be Put Through.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The chief point of dispute between the two factions in the Senate banking and currency committee was removed today. The principle of public ownership proposed in the regional bank system was conceded by administration senators. Rapid action upon the pending currency bill is now expected.

Pellagra Theory Exploded.

"In our trip through the West Indies, Dr. Louis W. Sambon and I found many cases of pellagra, but no trace of the simulum or buffalo gnat. This was a severe jolt to Dr. Sambon, but he still holds the theory that the simulum is the transmitting agent of pellagra. I am satisfied in my own mind that the maize and buffalo knot theories for the cause have been exploded. I think that the disease is infectious, transmitted by a germ not yet discovered, and I am of the opinion that the discovery will be made soon. The work of the Thompson-McFadden commission and of scientists throughout the world who have been investigating the disease is but preliminary. There are so many theories that we had to start in the dark, as it were, and, by a process of elimination, prove each one of these theories to be erroneous. It has been a tedious but absorbing task." The above is the expression of Dr. Joseph F. Siler, of the Thompson-McFadden commission, who has just returned from a trip through the West Indies with Dr. Louis W. Sambon, of the London School of Tropical Medicine, where they have been investigating pellagra. Dr. Siler returned healthy looking and bronzed and said he had thoroughly enjoyed himself.—Spartanburg Herald.

Can't Sell Paper Cap Pistols and Big Crackers.

Columbia, Nov. 17.—The attorney general's office has given out a decision that the law prohibits the sale of paper cap pistols and paper caps. Attention is also called to the law regulating the sale of fire crackers, it being unlawful to sell crackers more than 3 inches in length and one-half inch in diameter, or any explosive cracker containing dynamite.

The fine for violations is \$100 or 30 days.

CONTROL OF WATER RIGHTS.

Conservation Congress Has Not Yet Decided Issue.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Proponents of the Federal control of water power rights led by Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester; Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War, and Walter L. Fisher and James R. Garfield, former Secretaries of the Interior, won today in the National Conservation Congress here in the first test of strength on the permanent issue of the assemblage.

By a vote of 343 to 154 a motion to refer to the resolutions committee that portion of the report of the committee on waterways, which was unanimous, was voted down and the report subsequently was adopted without a roll-call. The test of strength came when, as a substitute of a motion by Mr. Stimson to adopt the unanimous report. E. T. Bryant, of Tennessee, championing the cause of State control of water rights, moved that the report go to the committee. The vote followed a day of lively debate, in which the issue, clearly defined was Federal or State control of waterways development in the future.

The result did not finally determine the policy, however, as divergent reports from the committee on waterways now is in the hands of the resolutions committee to be reported upon tomorrow. The majority of the committee, led by Prof. George F. Swain, submitted a report proposing that the States be given a voice in the granting of water power franchises.

Gifford Pinchot, Mr. Stimson and Joseph N. Teal, of Oregon, offered minority views urging strict Federal control of all water rights with compensation to the Government under certain conditions for franchise privileges.

The unanimous report adopted referred to certain general principles, upon which all could agree, and the subject was thrown upon for discussion early in the day, upon motion of Mr. Stimson to adopt this part of the report.

Both sides of the debate yielded for a vote late in the day when Mr. Bryant urged that the whole matter should go to the resolutions committee. The result was so overwhelmingly one-sided that the Pinchot following tonight claimed that the report of the minority of the waterways committee eventually would be adopted.

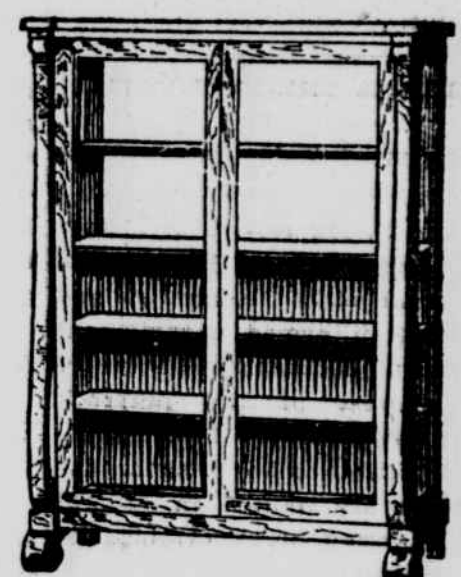
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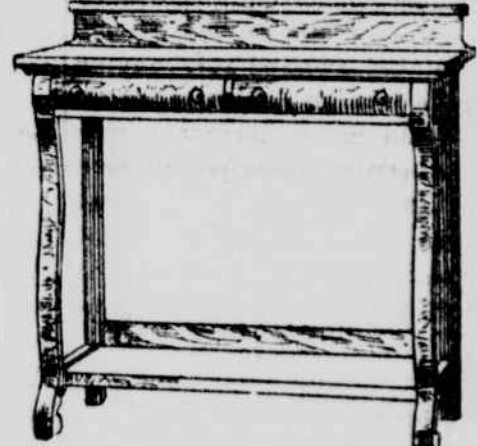
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